

# Hawaii MARINE SPORTS

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The great defensive play by the Combat Service Support Group 3 Outlaws gave them the advantage and the win over the Patrol Squadron 9 Eagles in an intramural baseball game at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, April 16.



Rey Cruz, Outlaws' player, takes a few minutes and conducts a few hitting drills before the start of the game. Solid base hitting enabled the Outlaws to squeeze past the Eagles.

## Outlaws outwit Eagles for win



Outlaws' player Chris Vega runs down the first base line after hitting a double.

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In one of the last games before the playoffs the Combat Service Support Group 3 Outlaws defeated the Patrol Squadron 9 Eagles 4-1 in a defensively charged game held here, Monday.

The Outlaws were the first to score in the bottom of the first with a hard hit from Ronny "Chargy" Chargualaf who hit a triple, a double and several singles in the game.

The defenses on both sides of the field held strong and solid the entire night, which didn't allow for any run rallies. Neither of the teams scored more than two points in an inning.

The only run for the Eagles came from a RBI by Ben Thornton in the top of the second. The Outlaws would allow no more points and rarely even allowed the Eagles to perch on any of the bases.

Much of the defensive success came from Benjamin "the Eliminator" Chester, the Outlaws' pitcher who had a total of ten strike outs at the end of the game.

"Things just fall into place sometimes, balls start breaking when they should, fast balls pick up a little heat and the defense is there when I'm not," said the Eliminator. "Our defense was all over the ball like a spider monkey."

In the bottom of the second the Outlaws were able to score two points with base hits, a few stolen bases and a double by Chargy.

The Outlaws were quickly shut down afterward and the Eagles took to the plate. However, the Outlaws defense wouldn't allow them any progress and three outs later the Eagles were right back on the field.

In the bottom of the third with the score at 3-1 in favor of the Outlaws, Chris Vega, Outlaws' player, seemed to be out at second as he slid in, but as luck would have it there was an error by the second baseman, which not only saved Vega, but also sent him to third. Vega's luck would run out when he was caught off guard and thrown out at third.

"Its little mess ups like that that we cannot afford in the playoffs," said Rey

Cruz, Outlaws Player. "That's why we practice and keep our head in the game."

Neither team was able to get past the other's defense until the bottom of the fifth when Vega popped a double for an RBI bringing the score to 4-1.

The scoring stopped and the Eagles still had hopes for a win as their pitcher Jeff Daniels continued to throw consistent strikes. Sadly for the Eagles, a win just wasn't in the cards.

The teams played hard and dug deep through the next two innings, but Chester was able to seal the deal for the Outlaws as he beamed the last pitch in for another strike out and a win for his team.

"Over the last couple of weeks our team has really come together," said William Flatt, Outlaws' coach. "Its good timing too because we have the playoffs coming up this week."

These two teams played each other in the first round of the playoffs Wednesday, the winner of that game will go on to play the Headquarters and Service Battalion Warriors today.

## Marines fired up by torch run

**Christine Cabalo**  
*Photojournalist*

Hope burns brighter for Special Olympics athletes in Hawaii thanks to Marine Corps police officers bolstering the Troy Barboza Law Enforcement Torch Run.

The military police officers here are calling on everyone aboard Kaneohe Bay to participate in the latest effort to support sports opportunities for the intellectually disabled.

The torch run is the opening event to the Special Olympics Summer Games. Carrying the "Flame of Hope," the Marines and Hawaii law enforcement will bring the torch to the games held at Les Murakami Stadium in Honolulu.

"The Special Olympics are great because the athletes don't have to pay to have to be in them," said Sgt. Jared Riske, senior traffic investigator, Military Police Department. "It's for people with intellectual disabilities who need the opportunity to have hope in their life."

The military police officers have volunteered to sit on grocery store rooftops and waited restaurant tables to champion the Special Olympics. Some, like Riske, spend 50 hours a month volunteering for the organization.

The senior traffic investigator said crowds who see the military police officers sit on a rooftop during the "Cop-on-Top" event become interested in donating.

For three days, Sgt. Bryan Petty, traffic chief, sat continuously on the roof of a grocery store in Kailua while others collected donations.

"I'm always amazed at how the athletes deal with their disabilities," said Petty, whose aunt is intellectually disabled. "It's one thing to pass the message about Special Olympics around the office, but we're hoping to get even more people regularly involved."



Christine Cabalo

Sergeant Jared Riske, senior traffic investigator, Military Police Department folds T-shirts given to supporters of the First Hawaiian Bank Troy Barboza Law Enforcement Torch Run.

### Who is Troy Barboza?

When the Hawaii Law Enforcement Torch Run began in 1986, Officer Troy Barboza was one of 20 officers who participated from the Honolulu Police Department. The officer became a volunteer for Special Olympics Hawaii who worked as an assistant coach in soccer and baseball. Just a year after running in the torch run, Barboza was killed in his home as retaliation for his role in securing a drug arrest.

Members of Barboza's family and staff from Special Olympics Hawaii campaigned to have the torch run officially named after the assistant coach. Hawaii's event is the only Special Olympics run named after a fallen police officer, according to the organization's Web site.

Sergeant Jared Riske, senior traffic investigator, Provost Marshal's Office, has volunteered with the organization for the past two years. He said Barboza's work before his death has inspired Riske to encourage others to participate aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

"There's a camaraderie amongst law enforcement officials," said Riske. "Since the torch run is named after a fallen officer, we get a chance to come together and meet Mr. Barboza's family members."

In 1991, the Troy Barboza Education Fund was established to provide scholarship grants for higher education or vocational training. Riske said Barboza's death was tragic, and the fallen officer is not forgotten.

"We can give his family our condolences and hear about his life as an officer," he said. "It's an opportunity to share stories and good times, as well as provide for a wonderful cause such as the Special Olympics."

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Disabled veterans wrestle for the puck during a sled hockey game at the Aspen Ice Rink in Aspen, Colo., during the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic, April 4.

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# Winter sports clinic pushes wounded

Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

**SNOWMASS VILLAGE, Colo.** — Sgt. Luke Murphy stretched out his prosthetic leg as he sat on the ground beneath the ski roster hoping beyond hope that someone would be a no-show and he'd get their slot for another spin down the mountain.

The 101st Airborne Division soldier lost his leg to a roadside bomb during a patrol in Baghdad's Sadr City last April. A year later, he's among about 100 troops seriously wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan here for the 21st National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic. Many, like Murphy, are still patients at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

The six-day event that continued through April 7 was jam-packed with activities designed to push them to new heights and enhance their rehabilitation. Participants learned Alpine and Nordic skiing and tried their hands at rock climbing, scuba diving, trapshooting, snowmobiling, sled hockey, wheelchair fencing, curling and other activities.

Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Nicholson said the clinic helps show some 400 participants with spinal cord injuries, visual impairments or other severe disabilities that they can still live full, productive lives. The VA and Disabled American Veterans have cosponsored the program since 1987.

"There are so many reasons this is important," Nicholson said during a slopeside chat with American Forces Press Service. He paused to watch veterans and wounded troops shred the snow-covered mountain and scuba dive in the nearby pool, then continued his thought. "This gives the participants a renewed hope, a new sense of mobility and the freedom of accomplishment."

Murphy had none of those feelings when he signed up to come here about six months ago. "I was in pretty bad shape," he said.

He's quickly overcome any initial misgivings. Murphy's as amazed as anyone that he's skiing, especially on the challenging adaptive mono ski that requires a lot of strength and balance—and can't get enough of it. "You've got your mobility and your freedom back. I feel like I can move like I used to move," he said. "So I'm gonna ski as much as they'll let me."

Corporal James Stuck, another 101st Airborne Division soldier at the clinic, shares Murphy's disability; he lost his right leg to a roadside bomb while providing security for engineers in Kirkuk, Iraq. But Stuck also shares Murphy's zest for the opportunities opened here.

Stuck was skiing just five weeks after being wounded five days before Christmas of 2005, and he skied again during last year's winter sports clinic.

This year, however, he opted out of skiing for fear an injury might sideline him from an



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A disabled veteran (left) dives below the surface and tests his dexterity alongside his scuba diving instructor during the clinic in Snowmass, Colo., April 2.

upcoming track meet. He's set his sights on making both the U.S. Paralympic track and volleyball teams. "I'm in training," he said. "I don't want to risk anything happening."

Observing simply isn't Stuck's style, so he's throwing himself into lots of other activities here, testing himself every step of the way. "I'm way too competitive to just sit around," he said.

Stuck called the winter sports clinic and his other athletic pursuits a big part of his rehabilitation as he gets on with his life. "It helps you mentally," he said. "It lets you know that the only limitations you have are the ones you put on yourself. Nothing should stop you."

That's a lesson Cpl. Shane Parsons is learning during his first winter sports clinic. The 4th Infantry Division soldier lost both legs and suffered a traumatic brain injury when an explosively formed projectile round detonated near him in Ramadi, Iraq.

Six months later, as he prepares for his transfer from Walter Reed to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Parsons found himself shimmying up a rock-climbing wall at the clinic.

Amid hoots and hollers from the crowd assembled around the tower, many in wheelchairs or standing on prosthetic legs, Parsons reached the top. He rang the bell, drawing cheers and promises of free beers.

"This is awesome!" he exclaimed as his belay untied his harness at the bottom of the tower.

That's Dallas Chambless' assessment of the sports clinic, too. The 3rd Infantry Division soldier arrived safely home from his second deployment to Iraq, only to suffer an irreversible spinal cord injury two days later in a motorcycle accident.

Once a black-diamond skier, Chambless is back on skis this week for the first time since his Dec. 25, 2005 accident. "This is a heck of a blast," he said. "The way I see it, I want to reach for the stars."



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A shooter takes aim at the target while participating in the cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and shooting biathlon event during the clinic in Snowmass, Colo., April 3.



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A disabled veteran looks for a foothold while climbing the outdoor rock wall during the clinic in Snowmass, Colo., April 2.



# SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

## Sports Briefs

### Intramural Softball Season #1 Starts

The season starts April 23 at the Annex field. Three games will be played at 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. For information, call Joe Au at 254-7591.

### Coaches Organizational Soccer Meeting

The meeting will take place on May 1 at 2 p.m. in the Semper Fit Center. For information, call Joe Au at 254-7591.



## Intramural baseball standings

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	TIES
HQBN	11	1	0
3/3	9	3	0
MAG-24	7	4	1
CSSG-3	5	5	0
VP-9	4	5	1
VP-47	1	8	0
3RD RADIO BN	0	11	0

\* standings as of April 13

## Bowling stats

Team Standings													
Place	Team Name	Points Won	Points Lost	Team Ave.	HDCP	Pins plus Handicap	Place	Team Name	Points Won	Points Lost	Team Ave.	HDCP	Pins plus Handicap
1	AINOKEA	34	14	625	138	28272	11	Efin' H	24	24	593	164	27463
2	Illegal Affairs:ReDux	31½	16½	647	121	28367	12	Golden Eagle's	24	24	613	148	27207
3	Team Whidbey	31½	16½	596	162	27704	13	Big Ern's Kids	24	24	541	205	22601
4	Flaming Hookers	29	19	624	138	27693	14	Team 17	22	26	436	290	26093
5	3 Putts	29	19	562	189	27567	15	The Happy Team	20	28	524	219	24767
6	BANNED	28	20	614	147	27355	16	Da Pin Droppers	19	29	447	281	26802
7	VP-9	28	20	526	217	26791	17	The Untouchables	16	32	459	272	26064
8	Ghost Team	27½	20½	543	204	27732	18	Team Ramrod	14	34	462	269	24157
9	4th Force Recon	25	23	543	203	26975	19	Team 3	14	34	601	158	17885
10	Pinheads	24½	23½	542	205	27232	20	The Blue Ballers	10	38	525	219	23722

Results of Last Week's Bowling.....													
Lanes	Team Name	-1-	-2-	-3-	HDCP Total	Last Wk WON	Team Name	-1-	-2-	-3-	HDCP Total	Last Wk WON	
1-2	Team 17	847	772	721	2340	4	<--->	The Untouchables	694	699	701	2094	0
3-4	Da Pin Droppers	838	803	771	2412	4	<--->	Team 3	0	0	0	0	0
5-6	Team Ramrod	756	763	748	2267	1	<--->	The Blue Ballers	801	737	759	2297	3
7-8	AINOKEA	790	758	841	2389	3	<--->	Illegal Affairs:ReDux	814	744	790	2348	1
9-10	Team Whidbey	749	845	805	2399	3	<--->	Flaming Hookers	757	724	772	2253	1
11-12	BANNED	805	770	758	2333	2	<--->	VP-9	733	774	766	2273	2
13-14	3 Putts	827	776	841	2444	4	<--->	4th Force Recon	765	757	717	2239	0
15-16	Ghost Team	916	812	749	2477	3	<--->	Pinheads	783	803	822	2408	1
17-18	Efin' H	799	698	736	2233	1	<--->	Big Ern's Kids	764	787	754	2305	3
19-20	Golden Eagle's	819	727	775	2321	4	<--->	The Happy Team	780	692	770	2242	0

Last Week's High Scores for Immediate Release													
Scratch Game					Scratch Game					Scratch Series			
Men	256	Scott Hammond	206	Lenny Weng	580	Scott Hammond							
	235	Marc Gonsalves	201	Shawn Harrison	578	Jason Gilbert							
	226	Tracey Johnson	201	Jason Gilbert	547	Marc Gonsalves							
	222	Jason Gilbert	200	Salvatore Taibi									
	210	Adam Ayotte											
Women	245	Melenie Nixon	182	Melenie Nixon	586	Melenie Nixon							
	189	Abby Hammond											





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Trying to get others to participate can be difficult, according to Riske. He said morale gets low when some people think they’re being hassled for donations.

“You just have to keep the athletes’ smiles in mind,” said Riske. “No matter how hot you get or how tired you get, you just keep to it. You remember how happy this is going to make someone who will now be able to compete in an event.”

An estimated 60 Marines participated in the run last year, according to Riske. He said he’s hoping to double the number of participating runners.

“The money from the run goes directly to the athletes in Hawaii,” said Melissa Blake, Director of Torch Run Development, Special Olympics. “The torch run brings in one-fourth of our budget for the year. It’s a huge part of what we do, and the Marines have always helped in reducing the expenses in our budget.”

Similar torch runs are made in over 40 countries, and the event acts as the opening ceremony for international games. Hawaii’s run is named in memory of a fallen Honolulu police officer, Troy Barboza – who was also a Special Olympics coach.

The Special Olympics would not be as successful without the help of its volunteers, said Blake.

She said the Marines have always been hospitable, and the athletes love seeing people in uniform helping with events.

“The Marines have a willingness to do anything we need,” said Blake. “They’re always eager to do the behind-the-scenes jobs we need to get done for events to happen, and they never complain or do it just to be recognized.”

For more information or to participate, call Riske at 257-1146 or e-mail [jared.riske@usmc.mil](mailto:jared.riske@usmc.mil).

# MAG-24 Sprint Triathlon

Bike, swim, or run to MCB Hawaii and grab your registration form for the most hardcore event held May 12 on the windward side. You had better be ready, because the 11th Annual MAG-24 Sprint Triathlon is right around the corner.

The Triathlon consists of a 500-meter swim in the waters of Kaneohe Bay, an 11-mile bike race circumnavigating the entire base, and ends with a 3.1-mile run, all concluding at Hangar 101 Pad.

Participants may enter individually, or in three-person relay

teams. For the relay teams, one person will swim, one person will bike and one person will run.

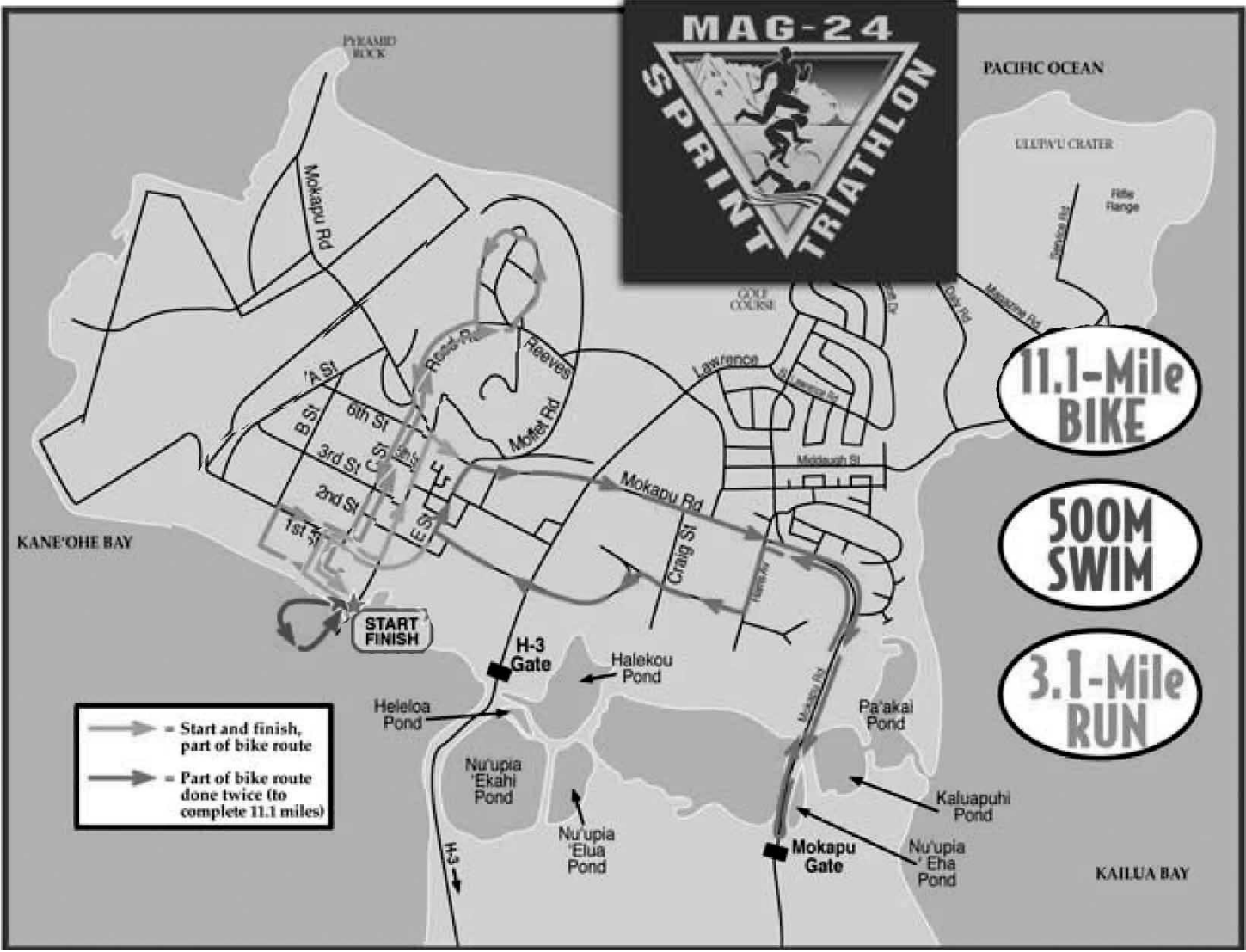
**Entry Fees:**

Military - \$30 per runner; civilians - \$35 per runner; and 3-person team - \$70 (non-refundable.)

T-shirts included with entry fee.

**Registration Fees after 4 p.m., May 4**

Military - \$35 per runner; Civilian - \$40 per runner; 3-person team - \$80



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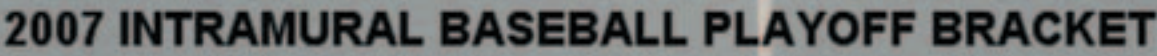
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